

# 2013 Earth Day Main Stage

Featuring Cool John Ferguson

EVENT	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
Welcome	
Canady Thomas and Allyn Love	Pop Country
Sean Ellison	Spoken Word
Nina's School of Dance	Dance
Mark Wells Duo	Jazz
Rodney Wright	Rap
Earth Day Parade	
Cool John Ferguson	Blues
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### **Canady Thomas**

Canady Thomas spent her childhood in South Carolina where the only music allowed in the house was Patsy Cline and Aretha Franklin. That's how she learned to sing. She spent six years singing and recording in Nashville before settling down in Raleigh eight years ago. Her daughter was diagnosed when she was 2 years old Autism Awareness has become as passion music to her in many ways. She also raises funds for local theatre companies and Autism awareness.

### **Allyn Love**

Canady Thomas and Allyn Love have been playing music together since 2009. She is a pedal steel player and guitarist and has toured the world with Jo Dee Masina and Steve Warner to name a few. Allyn is serves as the

operations manager for the North Carolina Symphony and has also appeared on the Jay Leno Show, The View, and Conan O'Brien show.

#### Sean Ellison

Known for his motivational Sean Ellison aka "Really Real" is destined for greatness! His Rap/ Spoken Word has touched many hearts and showed others there is more to music than just making money. He is the voice for the misfits, the outcast, and those who like to be different.

#### **Nina's School of Dance**

Nina's School of Dance was established in 1974 by owner and teacher Nina Wheeler. Students of this school will perform various dance routines.



## **Rodney Wright**

Rodney started rapping around the end of the tenth grade. He has always loved music and enjoys being around artistic people. He started making music own his own because he wanted to enjoy the feeling of creating something that people could enjoy. The type of music he makes is designed to give listeners hope and uplift their spirit. His music is unique, non-traditional and something that you don't hear on the radio every day.

#### Mark Wells Duo

Mark Wells has been making music in the triangle for years in too many genres and settings to mention. He was recently a featured vocalist with the North Carolina Jazz Repertory Orchestra. He is a founding member of Peter Lamb and the Wolves, which has been voted "Best Jazz Band" by the Independent Weekly for 2 years running. As a sideman, Mark plays regularly for local greats Al Strong, Shana Tucker, and Brevan Hampden.



### **Cool John Ferguson**

At the age of five, Cool John Ferguson was playing church music professionally, often out-seating musicians 10 times his age. For three years he was a featured entertainer on the Low Country Sing on channel 5 Charleston TV, appearing with his three sisters (the Ferguson Sisters), a popular gospel trio. In the years since, John has traveled where the music has taken him, equally comfortable in churches and clubs. He has been active on the tent revival circuit, and has been associated with LaFace Records of Atlanta, collaborating on pop recordings with his niece, Esperanza.